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Commissioner Jane E. Henney, M.D. FDA
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Dear Commissioner Henney,

There are a great deal of people who agree with you and the FDA's decision to allow food products to be irradiated. I share the same opinion as these people. After researching food irradiation I found that it was a good idea.

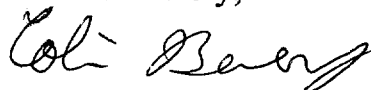
My first reason for supporting irradiation is that it has never killed anyone. Michael Fumento from *The Washington Times* says that irradiation has never been the cause of death for workers on the job at an irradiation plant. It has never killed any consumer. Irradiation is harmless.

My second reason for supporting irradiation is that the food itself does not actually become radioactive. An article from *The Washington Times* states that "The food becomes no more radioactive than your ribs after a chest X-ray." It does not change the taste of the food either.

My final reason for supporting irradiation is that it kills food-born bacteria. I think that this is extremely important. *The Washington Times* states that irradiation is the only known method for killing deadly E. coli bacteria. Food-born microbes are very dangerous. They kill about 9,000 Americans every year.

In conclusion, I strongly agree with the FDA's decision to allow foods to be irradiated. I think that irradiation is a miraculous process that saves millions of lives each year. I am glad that I can feel safe from the harm of food bacteria. Thank you for taking the time to read my letter.

Sincerely,

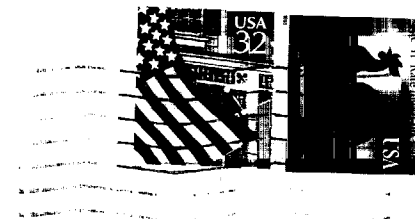


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